

Permits approved by town for The Oysterman New restaurant/tavern to open on Railroad Ave.

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The Oysterman, a new restaurant and tavern on Railroad Ave., received its food and alcohol licenses from the town recently. On Monday, May 9, Duxbury's Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to grant a common victualler's license to sell and serve food, a new onpremise alcohol license and an entertainment license to Dermot Loftus, owner of The Oysterman.

The restaurant will be in the space previously occupied by Yo Taco! It is being revamped as part of the Millbrook marketplace redevelopment project.

Loftus, who lives in Duxbury with his wife and two children, plans to have a large raw bar and serve lunch and dinner seven days a week. He will offer 20 craft beers on tap.

The restaurant will seat 49 people – 12 at the bar and 36 at tables.

Loftus, who will be the sole owner and operator of The Oysterman, has 26 years of restaurant experience and is a third-generation bar and restaurant owner. He has bartended and managed restaurants in Ireland, England, Malta and Spain before doing the same for the last 12 years in the U.S.

Most recently, Loftus opened the Porter Café in West Roxbury two years ago and that venue has won local magazine awards for best neighborhood bar.

According to information provided by Loftus, The Oysterman will have "a warm welcoming and relaxed tavern atmosphere" and the restaurant will support local farmers with its farm-to-table concept. It will create 18 new full and part-time jobs.

Loftus plans to renovate the building's interior with reclaimed wood, a marble counter top and custom seating. He will add a second handicapped accessible bathroom, replace the flooring and lighting and update the plumbing and electrical in the building.

At the selectmen's meeting, Loftus received support from members of the audience including Bob Magner of Duxbury who said he worked with Loftus in the restaurant food supply industry. Magner said the Porter Café was "well run and well staffed."

"I think it will be a great addition to the town," Magner said about The Oysterman.



**Dermot Loftus, owner
of The Oysterman on
Railroad Ave.**